

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 758

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Neal Jennings, Sr.,
of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Mr. Neal Jennings, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings was an exemplary public-minded citizen and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Nashville and a highly respected business and community leader, Neal Jennings was born the son of Horton W. Jennings and Sammie Jennings, and graduated from Antioch High School and Nashville Business School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings valiantly served his country during World War II; he answered his patriotic call to duty by enlisting in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Neal Jennings began his illustrious professional career at the Washington Manufacturing Company in Nashville, where his hard work and determination was rewarded with a directorship of Washington Industries. He later selflessly served on the Board of the Washington Foundation, which is dedicated to community service; and

WHEREAS, an innovative and progressive thinker who never shied away from a hard day's work, Mr. Jennings furthered his peerless career by becoming President of both Philips and Buttorff, a well-known manufacturing firm in Nashville, and Rockford Textile Mill in McMinnville; and

WHEREAS, Neal Jennings possessed imagination and initiative, founding his own company, Whang Sports Apparel, Inc., where he exhibited excellence, leadership and integrity as its Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings always served with wisdom and commitment, earning the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a prominent community friend whose benevolent nature knew no bounds, Neal Jennings was a noted philanthropist who contributed to a number of worthy causes, including MUR-CI Homes, Inc., Lighthouse Baptist Church, and Lighthouse Christian Camp; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings was an inspiration to all who knew and cherished him because of his generosity, good humor, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, loving the Lord and endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Neal Jennings faithfully worshiped the Lord as an active and devout member of the Lighthouse Baptist Church, where he spent many hours in service helping his fellow man and set examples of Christian living that should serve as benchmarks for all to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always committed himself to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Neal Jennings enjoyed the loving companionship of his devoted wife, Carolyn Lance Jennings, and was the proud father of his sons, Neal Lee Jennings, Jr., Lance Jennings, and Brice Jennings, and his daughters, Terri Stanley, Vanessa Hayes, and Melissa Love; and

WHEREAS, he was the doting grandfather of Neal Lee Jennings III, Brad Jennings, Clint Jennings, Larry Love, Carrie Love, Lauren Taylor, Lindsay Scarborough, and Alexa Hayes. He

will be sorely missed by his sisters, Carolyn Green, Sue Rafalowski, Billie St. Aubin, and Betty Lee, his extended family, and his many friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; his memory will live forever in the hearts of his family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public-minded citizen and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Neal Lee Jennings, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Neal Jennings, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.